

Mollington Parish Council

COUNCIL SUMMONS

Dear Member

You are HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a virtual meeting of the Parish Council to be held on **TUESDAY 9 MARCH 2021** at 7.00pm **by Zoom Video Conferencing** for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the agenda below.



Parish Clerk

2 March 2021

Members of the public and the press are welcome to attend for the “Part 1” section of the agenda. Any reports in “Part 2” contain confidential information and only Councillors and the Parish Clerk can be present.

If you have any general enquiries about the meeting, please contact Pauline English, Clerk to the Parish Council (Tel: 0151 339 1405, Mob: 07890 140412, email: engy02@ntlworld.com)

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

4. MINUTES

To confirm the Minutes of the meetings held on 12 January 2020 as a correct record (copy already circulated)

5. VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

As the Parish Council recently advertised a vacancy on the Notice Boards, the website and with Cheshire West & Chester Council (CWaC) it is not necessary to go through this exercise again to fill the vacancy due to the death of Councillor Brian Crowe. A notice seeking applications for co-option was put on the Parish Notice Boards and the website. Dr Michael Riley was the only applicant, and he is, therefore, co-opted onto the Parish Council with immediate effect.

6. BROADBAND IN MOLLINGTON VILLAGE

Phil Crane will attend the meeting to give an update on the current position regarding Broadband availability in Mollington Village. The current position relating to the B4RN project is attached at Appendix 1.

7. HY-NET CARBON CAPTURE PIPELINE

HyNet will be carrying out a range of ecological surveys to examine existing habitats and the presence or potential for any protected species. They will also be undertaking surveys to gather information on the local landscape, soil, watercourses, current noise levels, and any existing archaeological or heritage assets. The data gathered will become part of their Environmental Impact Assessment which supports the planning process for the CO₂ pipeline. The majority of these surveys will be non-intrusive, although there may be need for targeted intrusive investigations. Landowners and occupiers have been contacted directly in January 2021 to arrange access to their land. Surveys started from late February 2021 and will continue into the summer.

8. PLANNING

(1) **Applications Received:** None

(2) **Decisions:** To note the following decisions made by CWaC:

Application No.	Application	Status
20/02289/FUL	Change of Use of existing footgolf building and associated area to day care for dogs on land at Mollington Grange Business Park, Parkgate Road, Mollington, Chester	Approved
20/04765/FUL	Erection of an entrance lobby with an access ramp and replacement of existing hardstanding and decking in front of the care home at Crabwall Hall Residential Home, Parkgate Road, Mollington, Chester CH1 6NE	Approved
20/04621/LDC	Single storey side extension at Westbank, Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester CH1 6LB	Approved

20/04006/FUL	Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and construction of single storey side rear and side extension at Walnut Tree Cottage, Well Lane, Mollington, Chester CH1 6LD	Approved
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(3) **Applications awaiting decision**

20/04324/FUL	Farm redevelopment including conversion of buildings to 6 dwellings, demolition of several existing buildings and the erection of new agricultural buildings at Warren Farm, Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester CH1 6LB
20/04612/FUL	Replacement garage with new garage and workshop at Willow Brook Meadow, Well Lane, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6LD
20/01430/FUL	Change of use of barns into hydro-therapy pool, gymnasium and annexe flat for use in connection with the new dwelling at Elm Farm, Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester CH1 6NJ
20/03019/FUL	Demolition of the existing building and structures and the erection of 6no dwellings, creation of new public pedestrian and cycle path, and community car park, together with associated landscaping, ecology mitigation and infrastructure at Former Mollington Grange Golf Club, Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6NJ
20/04168/FUL	Two storey front and side extension and detached garage at Dilkhush, 3 Feilden Court, Mollington, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6LS

9. HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

- (1) **Flooding on Grove Road:** With the recent heavy rains the issue of flooding along Grove Road has become a major issues once again. The road is split between Lea and Mollington, and the Parish Council has been working with Lea-by-Backford Parish Council to try to identify the main issues and work out how to move forward. Three documents have been circulated to Councillors to try to clarify the issues and develop a plan of action. The “Grove Road Flooding” is a summary, Grove Road Drainage is a schematic, and the Grove Road Issues suggests responsibilities and actions. A copy of these documents is attached (Appendix 3)

Severn & Trent Water have been contacted about the water coming out of the Open Reach manhole and they have determined it is not fresh (tap) water. They have sent a sample for analysis to determine if it is foul or surface water.

Councillor Roger Jones has attempted to clear the ditch by the school and has confirmed that the water level in the pipe stops about halfway up the pipe, so there is a blockage somewhere along the pipe.

- (2) **Speed Limit on Parkgate Road**

Minute 21.8(1) of the January meeting relates to the speed limit on Parkgate Road. Kay Parry, CWaC Highways has been asked whether CWaC can undertake an assessment of the speed. Her advice is that it would depend on what length, if any, was recommended for reduction as provision of new terminal signs on Parkgate Road would be very expensive if they were required to be illuminated, yet the cost to change existing ones is far less as it would be just the cost to replace the actual signs. She would discuss with CWaC’s road safety team but may have to undertake the assessment before an accurate cost could be given. She added that it may well cost considerably more than Grove Road.

Members are asked to confirm their agreement that if speed limits were agreed by CWaC they would be subject to the Parish Council’s contribution of 50% of the cost.

- (3) **Townfield Lane Signage**

Suggested signage on Townfield Lane at difficult bend by Rose Farm House

- (4) **Townfield Lane Naming and Numbering:** Following the last Council meeting (see Minute 21.13) properties on Townfield Lane were contacted and asked for their views on this proposal. Attached (Appendix 4) is a report which gives further information. Based on this information Members are recommended not to adopt the proposal and to advise residents of Townfield Lane of the advice given.

10. MOLLINGTON SCHOOL AND PLAYING FIELD

In April 2020 the Parish Council was invoiced by CWaC for payment of the license fee for the community use of the playing field outside school hours. Since then there have been a number of lockdowns due to the Coronavirus pandemic which have prevented any use of the school field. The Parish Council has asked CWaC whether the payment made for 2020 can be used to cover 2021 if the current lockdown allows use of outdoor facilities. An answer is awaited.

11. VILLAGE HALL

Update on progress with the building work.

12. ADDITIONAL BINS

On behalf of the Parish Council Councillor Christine Jones asked CWaC about ordering a Dog Bin and post to be placed at the entrance to a footpath on Townfield Lane at the junction with Well Lane. The request was made because there has been an increase in dog ownership recently. Many dog owners use this footpath and field, especially in the summer months, and the landowner's goodwill is relied upon to allow dogs onto his field. He has expressed his frustration with dog owners not picking up and the Parish Council felt that a small bin and post would help to deal with the problem. Carl Siteine of CWaC undertook two surveys on different days and at different times and advised that the proposed location did not meet the criteria to install a bin at this time. Councillor Jones has subsequently added a new request for a further dog bin near the layby at St Oswald's Primary School, which had been requested by both parents and dog owners. It was suggested that, if CWaC were unable to provide the bins, the Parish Council could buy them, but this depended on whether CWaC would be able to empty them.

13. DEATH OF A SENIOR PUBLIC FIGURE

Attached (Appendix 5) is a draft protocol setting out the action to be taken in the event of the death of a senior public figure. The Parish Council is recommended to adopt the protocol.

14. PUBLICATION OF THE UPTON-BY-CHESTER & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (PRE-SUBMISSION VERSION)

Upton-by-Chester & District Parish Council, as the qualifying body, has prepared a Neighbourhood Plan for the period to 2030 (the Plan) for Upton-by-Chester & District Parish (Upton, Bache and Moston) with the help of the local community. The Plan sets out a vision for the future of the parish and planning policies which will be used to determine planning proposals locally.

Comments are invited on the proposals in the attached Pre-Submission version (Appendix 6) of the Plan before it is submitted to CWaC for formal consideration and wider consultation. The consultation opened for comment on 8 February 2021 and closes at 11.59 pm on 22 March 2021. An online version of the Plan can be viewed on the Neighbourhood Plan pages of the Upton-by-Chester & District Parish Council website at:

[Consultation Information & Plan - Upton-by-Chester & District Parish Council](#)

A summary of comments will be available on Upton-by-Chester & District Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan website page after the consultation period has ended and when the Submission version of the Plan has been released to CWaC.

Members are asked whether they wish to submit any comments on the Neighbourhood Plan.

15. POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER AND CHIEF CONSTABLE STAKEHOLDER BULLETIN

The Parish Council has received the latest stakeholder update from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire and Cheshire Constabulary, a copy of which is attached at Appendix 7. The special 'Police Budget' edition provides an update on how the police budget for 2021/22 will help benefit communities across Cheshire by making their area safer. The Parish Council is encouraged to cascade the content throughout the local community, and it is proposed that a copy be put on the Council's website.

16. FINANCE

(1) Balance as at 19 January 2021 - £6,378.35

(2) Expenditure since the last meeting

Date	Method	Description	Amount
22.01.21	BACS	Councillor Roger Jones-Zoom Annual subscription	143.88
28.01.21	SO	Amenity Cleaner – wages January	193.44
28.01.21	SO	Parish Clerk – salary January	146.12
01.02.21	BACS	TAGS Ltd – Printing of Newsletter	300.00
25.02.21	BACS	Income Tax	66.82
01.03.21	SO	Amenity Cleaner – wages February	193.44
01.03.21	SO	Parish Clerk – salary February	146.12

(3) Income since last meeting: None

(4) balance in the bank as at 9 March 2021 (to be reported at the meeting)

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND NEXT MEETING

18. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Meeting Tuesday 11 May 2020 at 7.00pm by Zoom Video Conferencing